

# JEAN ELIOT'S LETTER



## A Chronicle of Society

Susan dear: Shakespeare leads us to believe that there isn't much in names; but somehow the average person is rather particular about having his or her name correctly pronounced or spelled, and when I see one name written in about seven different ways it always rouses my curiosity and determines me to find out, if possible, the law of the thing. So it is with the new Minister of Costa Rica. The newspapers have taken shocking liberties with his name, but I am informed by the powers that be at the State Department and at the legation that it is Quesada, Señor Manuel Castro Quesada. And Señor Quesada is a statesman of some note—he was minister of education in his own country—a man of wide culture, numerous social graces—and a bachelor! What more need I say?

In the matter of being the baby member of the diplomat corps, Señor Quesada succeeds Dr. Zaldivar, the minister of Salvador, who has been in this country only a few months. Señora Zaldivar is a charming English woman, young and very pretty, and the anomaly of the half grown young people of the family is explained by the fact that she is the Minister's second wife.

Dr. Zaldivar and his wife are planning to leave Washington next week for a motor trip through the cities of the North and the Northwest and a cruise about the Great Lakes. The children, Margarita, who is sixteen, and the boy, Rafael, are spending the summer at Miss Read's camp at Abingdon, Va.

When Ned McLean wanders into the town of Leesburg from his country place nearby he creates no little stir by his curious wearing apparel, and is usually followed by a train of staring natives. Although he has not been known to have mounted a horse this summer, he generally wears a startling looking riding costume, a pair of white breeches and extremely long coat, with outaway front and broad tail, made after the manner of the pinkest of pink hunting coat. A pitch helmet, like those worn in the tropics, boots, spurs and a cane or crop completes his weird rig.

The members of the McLean family seem to spend most of their time on the road which leads from their place to Leesburg, passing back and forth as many as a score of times a day; and indeed, the gossip is that the company which controls the pike is thinking of registering a protest. The McLeans subscribed to the company when they first went to Leesburg, which gives them the privileges of the road; but the canny folk who are running things in those parts feel that there is such a thing as abusing a privilege and are thinking of demanding another subscription.

Colonel W. W. Harris is another man who is partial to riding clothes, but then he is atop a horse every chance he gets. He looks particularly fit in his togs, too. I see him frequently on the cars these days, evidently just returning from a run through the park or out into the country, but the exact cause never seems to affect his spry and span appearance.

Right now the idea of a debutante tea, with heavily shaded windows, quantities of electric lights and flowers strewn everywhere, is not particularly alluring; but still, don't you want to know something about next season's buds? Already the list contains some interesting names.

Here are a trio of unusually attractive girls, who have already had a season of informal gaiety, and who can look forward to their formal presentation with none of the qualms which usually beset a debutante—Callie Koke Smith, Lillian Hendrick and Elizabeth Harding. Elizabeth decided against coming out last year, when she was practically a stranger in Washington; Lillian was still studying, although she took part in a great many festivities during the winter and had a glorious time, and Callie, well, Callie just didn't come out formally.

Now, however, they have decided that they might just as well enjoy all the pleasant things that go with the business of being a debutante, and so they will come out next Christmas; they will each have a perfectly good tea. Georgia Schofield, Mrs. John H. Hewson's attractive daughter, will also be a bud, likewise Catherine Harlow, Dorothea Fremont Smith, and Lucy Hall, who makes her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Hitchcock.

Helen Blodgett will also come out, and it would seem that no girl in town could have a better time. Mrs. Blodgett is hospitably incarnate, her house is charmingly arranged for entertaining, and is nearly always filled with attractive young people. Moreover, the Forcher girls and Daisy Beck have had huge success under Mrs. Blodgett's wing and her daughter's lines will truly be cast in pleasant places.

Then there is an even chance that Edith Blair will be presented. She was listed among the buds of last year, but was then still a school-girl and even now Mrs. Blair has not made up her mind whether her daughter shall devote an extra year to study or come out with her playmates. With her connection with the aristocratic and influential Blair family and with the Drapers as well—Mrs. Blair was Edith Draper—she should be a very important young person and her debut an event of considerable interest.

Spring Lake, N. J., was very gay last night and filled with interesting people who came by motor from sundry resorts along the Jersey coast to attend the ball given for Governor and Mrs. Fielder at the New Monmouth Hotel. This was distinctly the largest and most formal affair of the season; a supper was served at midnight, and the ball was preceded by a score of dinner parties at the New Monmouth grill. The Secretary of War and Mrs. Garrison were among the guests, and likewise the Secretary to the President, Mr. Tumulty, and Mrs. Tumulty, who have a villa at Avon for the summer. Governor and Mrs. Fielder are occupying the attractive place at Seagirt, where President Wilson formerly spent some time.



MISS HELEN P. BLODGETT.

had forgiven her daughter for her elopement with the young White House attaché, which caused a small sensation. This has proved untrue, however. The young people are not staying with the Lynches, but are occupying a cottage near the Monmouth Hotel. They have attended several of the informal hops in company with the bride's sister, Miss Marguerite Lynch. Raoul Madero, who has lived most of his time in Washington since the death of his brother, the late President Madero of Mexico, was a visitor at Spring Lake during the week.

Murray Cobb and Cotton Smith are going to Plattsburg early in August for the military instruction, to which so many prominent young men throughout the East are giving up their vacations. It seems that the encampment, which is arranged for the convenience of business men, is an outgrowth of the student camp, held every summer under the auspices of the regular army. General Wood decided to extend the scope of the institution to include such young men as were willing to give the time to preparation, in order to be of some immediate use to their country in case of trouble. And from the ready response he has had from cities all over this part of the country, the encampment would seem to fill a real need.

Mrs. Cobb is preparing to spend the weeks of her husband's absence with her mother, Mrs. Huff, who has rented a houseboat for the summer and plans a delightful cruise among the Thousand Islands. The John A. Johnston and Mrs. Summerlin are always faithful to the Thousand Island region, where they have the loveliest sort of a summer home.

Virginia Wallis, who has been visiting Sallie Walnwright Bull and her husband, Lieut. Henry T. Bull, at Plattsburg Barracks, has recently been joined by her mother, Mrs. Samuel Wallis, and the two of them have taken a cunning little cottage on the lake near Plattsburg, where they will spend the rest of the summer.

Mrs. N. O. Messenger is ill again at her apartment in Hammond court. The operation which she underwent some time ago seems not to have been very successful, for she is now under the care of a trained nurse. Another person who is likely to have rather a dreary summer through illness is Mrs. William Burr Harrison, who has been quite ill and will probably not be herself again until fall. With her children and her niece, Mary Wheeler Vest, she is spending the summer with Elizabeth Hopkins Hinchman at "Grove Hill," one of the several Hopkins farms near Spring Lake.

Dorothy Deebie is also on the sick list, but will soon be about again after an operation which was performed recently at the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital. Dorothy and Elizabeth are spending the summer at Sandy Spring, and Fred Chapin is also passing a few months out there, resting and tending his strength after the serious illness which resulted from a fall from his horse in the spring.

Moreover, whooping cough seems to be besetting the summer resorts. Cuning little Virginia Glazebrook proceeded to catch the disease shortly after she and her mother, Mrs. Larkin Glazebrook, reached Cap May, with the result that they had to leave the hotel where they were stopping and take a change.

Several army officers, who have been stationed in Washington for some

time, are scheduled to go to Honolulu this fall. Capt. James B. Houston, who has been on duty at the quarter-master's depot, expects to sail early in the September, accompanied by Mrs. Houston. She is now in New York, where the captain will join her next week, and then the pair will go North for a month at some resort. Major and Mrs. Edgar Russell have also been ordered to Honolulu, but their plans are as yet most indefinite. They may go to the seashore or mountains for a while, or stay here until they start for their new post. Or, again, they may make a trip to California via the Panama Canal.

Mrs. Frank Freeman, instead of coming directly home from the Panama-Pacific Exposition, as was her plan when she left Washington, is now on a delightful trip which will take her through Oregon, Washington and up into Alaska. She will stop in San Francisco again on her return trip, and will reach this city about the end of August. Then after a few days rest here she will go to East Gloucester, to remain until the late fall.

Fishers Island, that delightful summer resort in Connecticut, seems to be quite a rendezvous for army people this summer. A number of service folk, stationed in Washington, are sojourning there, among them Col. and Mrs. Richmond P. Davis, who motored north; while Col. and Mrs. George H. Cameron and Major and Mrs. James Canby are to leave town this week. Major and Mrs. Cameron will go direct to Fishers Island, but the Canbys will visit in New York and Connecticut first, reaching there some time next month.

Ensign Laurence Rihelidaffer and his bride, formerly Vittoria Tittoni, who were quietly married last week, did not go away for a wedding trip. Instead, they are spending a few weeks at the apartment of Vittoria's brother and sister-in-law, Lieut. and Mrs. Renato Tittoni, U. S. M. C., in the Sagamore, 1821 G street, where the marriage took place. Ensign Rihelidaffer, you see, is taking or is just about to take his examinations for promotion. They have Ensign Rihelidaffer's mother with them for a little while, and meanwhile Lieutenant and Mrs. Tittoni are spending the summer at Fort Jefferson, Long Island.

The marriage is the culmination of a courtship begun at the Naval Hospital, where Ensign Rihelidaffer had been sick leave since last December and where Vittoria was a nurse.

Pretty little Edith McCormick, who is visiting Kitty Knight in Newport, is

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the daughter of Medical Director Albert Montefiore Dupuy McCormick and Mrs. McCormick, who are stationed at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. She is a cousin of Hannah McCormick, who visits them in Annapolis quite frequently. Hannah is not only very pretty, but extremely popular and has been very much missed in Washington since her family moved to Westminister, Md. Kitty and Edith became very chummy, while the former's father, Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight, lived in Annapolis.

Although Eloise Orme has only been at Cape May, N. J., about a week she has already won honors as the best dancer at that resort where many fine dancers congregate. Last week she was presented a very handsome silver loving cup for being the best dancer at the Red Mill, that popular dancing pavilion just off of the boardwalk near the Chalfente Hotel. Eloise has won many competitions right here in Washington—usually at the tea dances given for some charity. She was also the winner of the cup which Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle presented when they came to the Columbia Theater, season before last, with their own set of dancers and charmed their Washington audiences.

The Todd youngsters, children of the James Todd and nephews and nieces of Madame Hauge, are the most indefatigable little people at the Springs. They ride, swim, play tennis, and occasionally their elders join them for a horseback trip. Dr. George Poulet, of the Bulgarian legation, is the only diplomat in the Hot Springs colony, and as a consequence is a bit of a lion, and is a guest at every hotel or cottage dinner of any importance. Also he seems to have a faculty for getting great enjoyment out of life.

The Charles Reid Rileys are spending the first two weeks of their honeymoon at the Homestead, and have found a number of acquaintances among the Washington folk. Mrs. Riley, who was Miss Minnie Conrad, is the heiress to half of her father's \$8,000,000 estate. They will live at Boyce, Va.

Mrs. Richard Ewell Thornton, of Fairfax, Va., and Washington, who is visiting Mrs. Garrett Andrews on Lookout Mountain, is a most interesting person. She has friends all over the South, and people in that part of Tennessee have entertained her right royally. Mrs. Andrews gave a dinner for her one evening last week at the Lookout Mountain Club, and another day she entertained the Lookout Mountain Card Club in compliment to her popular guest.

A rumor is going the rounds in Baltimore that the engagement of Eleanor Bosley, one of last season's debutantes, to young Stanley Gary, will be the next bit of news to interest society folk in the Monumental City. Eleanor is one of the Cockeysville Bosleys and is related to all the Merrymans and Cockeys of the Maryland section of the country. She came over to Washington last winter, for one of Margaret Howard's dances, and made a tremendous hit. And in Baltimore she was decidedly one of the most popular of the buds. Stanley Gary is a son of A. Stanley Gary, whose country home "Ups and Downs" is one of the most attractive places near the Catsville Country Club.

Mrs. J. D. Murdaugh is going out to Huntington, W. Va., to visit her son-in-law and daughter, the Harry Grays, who have taken a house for the summer. Harry and Margaret are a very attractive apartment, but whenever it is possible they rent a house, with a garden, for the summer months instead of going away, which gives them an opportunity to have visitors. Mrs. Murdaugh will be with them most of August and later Margaret will have her cousin, Cornelia Brackenridge, of Pittsburgh, as her guest for a short time. Cornelia and her sister Helen, who is now Mrs. Frank Painter, used to visit Margaret frequently when she

was Margaret Murdaugh and lived in Washington. Cornelia has been taking a course in art this summer.

Mrs. Barbour Walker, who is so affectionately remembered by scores of Washington girls as the popular principal of the Cathedral School for Girls before Miss McDonald took over the position, is in this country for holiday, and right now is visiting her daughter, Barbour Walker, in New York. Mrs. Walker, as you may remember, is now at the head of a school for English-speaking girls at Baguio, the lovely mountain resort in the Philippines, which is connected with Manila by a splendid military road and where the American contingent in Manila won't spend the hot season. Baguio has an exceptionally gracious climate and scenery that is rarely equaled.

Mrs. Walker's school is also called the Cathedral School for Girls, and is conducted under the wing of Bishop Brent. She has done a notable work in the past two years in establishing the school on a permanent footing, and Americans who live in the Philippines are loud in praise of what she has done for their girls. At the conclusion of her holiday she will go back and will reach Baguio in time for the opening of school in the early autumn.

Barbour Walker, who is an interesting girl, with a look of her mother, is living in New York, and is making a great success of her school of adventure in business, which she has started. When Mrs. Walker leaves New York, early in August, she will go to San Francisco for a short visit to Bishop Morelands and his family, and then, late in the month, she will sail from Takoma, Wash., for her post.

One of the most interesting visitors that Washington has known in many moons is Miss Helen Wong, a dainty little Chinese lady, who is the guest of Miss Margaret Morrison at her home in Riggs street, and who expects to attend the school in Washington next winter. Miss Wong is a daughter of T. T. Wong, now director-general of Chinese students in this country, who some time ago completed the monumental work of translating Webster's dictionary into Chinese and has also a Chinese translation of Meyer's General History to his credit.

Their home is in Shanghai, where the Morrisons first knew them during the years they lived in China. After the manner of high-class and aristocratic Chinese, they are highly cultivated, and Dr. Wong has a great reputation as a scholar. Little Miss Helen speaks English fluently, and has a quaint and very charming manner. She wears her native costume, and is unusually pretty, with almond eyes and clear olive skin.

She is a close friend of Miss Shah, the Chinese minister's daughter, and the two girls make a very charming picture together. The Shahs, by the way, are staying in town, as Madame Shah finds home much the most comfortable place with a young baby to care for. Moreover, Mrs. Shah, looking the sloping lawn and the great trees of the Dean place opposite, is a very comfortable and desirable place these days. The minister is back, after establishing his young son in a boys' camp at Hendersonville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mayo and their attractive family, who came to Washington a few months ago, have drawn about them a number of pleasant friends and acquaintances, and are already beginning to feel at home. They are Kentucky folk; at least they have lived in Bowling Green, Ky., for many years, and Mrs. Mayo comes of old Kentucky stock, though Mr. Mayo is an Englishman by birth. Since they came to Washington to live they have occupied a charming apartment in the St. Regis.

Mr. Mayo has a delightful voice, and is one of the soloists at Epiphany Church, while their three sons are all unusually talented and attractive boys. Morrow Mayo, who is just eighteen, is already a contributor to a number of magazines. Mrs. Mayo, by the way, is a cousin of Mrs. Buckner, whose son, Lieut. Simon Bolivar Buckner, named for the famous Confederate general, is on duty in the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and

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I gather from the few people who have already returned from their summer trips, and from letters that the summer resorts are reporting a poor season. Rows of empty cottages greet the summer visitors and the merchants and shop keepers tell a shocking tale of woe.

It is generally remarked that more people have remained in Washington this summer than before, more people of wealth and fashion, that is, and certainly there have never before been so many stay at homes at a time when Congress was not in session. I was talking the other day to Mrs. Charles McKenney, who with her husband and family, is at their attractive country home on the Seventh street pike, near Forest Glen, and she spoke particularly of the number of interesting people yet to be seen at the weekly dances at the Chevy Chase Club.

In addition to the official contingent and the important army and navy folk who are here for the summer, there are Ned Mitchells, the Walter Tuckers, the Montgomerys, and what is more, the stay at homes seem to be enjoying themselves thoroughly and to be more than a little surprised at how comfortable they are.

Most of them take frequent week-end trips, usually in their motors, country dinners and informal supper parties are quite the order of the day and, in short, they do just about as they please. Probably the summer will serve to give a number of people saner ideas of summer plans and pleasures, and will lead the women folk to be satisfied with a shorter holiday, and decrease the number of semi-detached husbands.

If you must get a little dog, Susan, get a little white beastie all same like the one which is Mrs. Robert Lansing's constant companion. A veritable powder puff of a pup, he is nevertheless very bright and keen, and seems particularly to enjoy riding in the machine with his mistress. He stands on his hind legs in Mrs. Lansing's lap, with his front feet on the steering bar, and looks for all the world as if he were responsible for the navigating of the machine. He is the same breed of dog as that adorable fluff of "Cutie" Cottrell, who lives next door to us and who used to dance out to meet you in the days when you used to come occasionally to visit your friend.

JEAN ELIOT.  
P. S.—There, I hope you are sufficiently ashamed of your reminiscences, and will manage to squeeze in a few days in Washington before you go West.  
J. E.  
Sunday.

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